BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 12, 2019

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. in the District Board Room. President, Mark Minor called the meeting to order.

Opening prayer was led by Mark Dyel. Kenny Irvin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Mark Minor, President; Robin LaBuwi, Vice-President; Mitch Bennett, Secretary; Mark Dyel; Mark Franklin; and Kenny Irvin. Board member absent: Shane Cockrum.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent and Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

4.2 Collective Negotiation Matters

Executive Session – Robin LaBuwi made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel and Collective Negotiation Matters. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Mark Dyel – yes, Mark Franklin – yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Mark Minor – yes, and Mitch Bennett – yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent and Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary entered into an Executive Session in the Executive Board Room at 5:02 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 5:31 P.M. Mitch Bennett, Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Mitch Bennett – yes, Shane Cockrum – yes, Mark Dyel – yes, Mark Franklin – yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, and Mark Minor – yes.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent and Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve Minutes: Regular Board Meeting Minutes, October 24, 2019
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, October 24, 2019

5.2 Approve Financial Report (October 2019)

5.3 Approve Payment of Bills (October 2019)

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Mark Dyel – yes, Mark Franklin – yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Mark Minor – yes, Mitch Bennett – yes, and Shane Cockrum – yes. Motion Carried.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

- Information was provided concerning the addition of student crossing signs with LED flashing lights to promote driver awareness and student safety.
- Final results of the football and cross country seasons were provided.
- The facility usage agreements with District 47 and the Park District were discussed.
- 1% County Facilities Sales Tax receipts were shared with the board. We receive approximately $240,000 per year, but use $50,000 to abate taxes to make a bond payment.
- Mitch Bennett, Mark Dyel, Shane Cockrum, and Benjy Johnson will be attending the Triple I conference in Chicago next week.
- Project update – the restrooms/concession stand work is scheduled to begin as soon as possible. We will begin discussions with our architect on possible future work.

7. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Assignment of Personnel

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to employ Ron Head as a substitute bus driver pending certification. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to assign David Gostowski as a volunteer assistant wrestling coach for the 2019-20 school year. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to assign Wade Thomas as a volunteer assistant basketball coach for the 2019-20 school year. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Shane Cockrum made a motion to assign Brandon Koester as a volunteer boys basketball coach for the 2019-20 school year. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the maternity leave request from Courtney Pool as presented. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.2 Set/Approve Tax Hearing Date and Adopt Tentative Levies Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Resolution Adopting Proposed Aggregate Tax Levy for the Year 2019. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS The Board discussed possible future projects, providing Mr. Johnson with direction to begin gathering information including cost and financing options.

11. ADJOURNMENT Mitch Bennett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 P.M. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

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BOARD PRESIDENT **BOARD SECRETARY**